



**Joint Commission**  
on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations

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Dear Dr. Schutt:

The revised "Instructions for Inter-Service Credentials Transfer and Privileging" which accompanied your letter of April 7, 1994, if implemented as described, will meet the intent of the standards for credentialing contained in the Medical Staff chapter of the Accreditation Manual for Hospitals, 1994 edition. We would appreciate receiving copies of the various implementation documents (instructions, forms, etc.) that will be sent to your facilities so that we may share these with our surveyors to ensure a clear understanding and consistent survey process as the new procedures are rolled out.

Thanks for your patience and cooperation in the resolution of this issue. I believe the new process will be a significant improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of credentialing and privileging DoD health care providers for temporary assignment. Please do not hesitate to call if there are any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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